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Dress-Elevators.

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Fig. 1

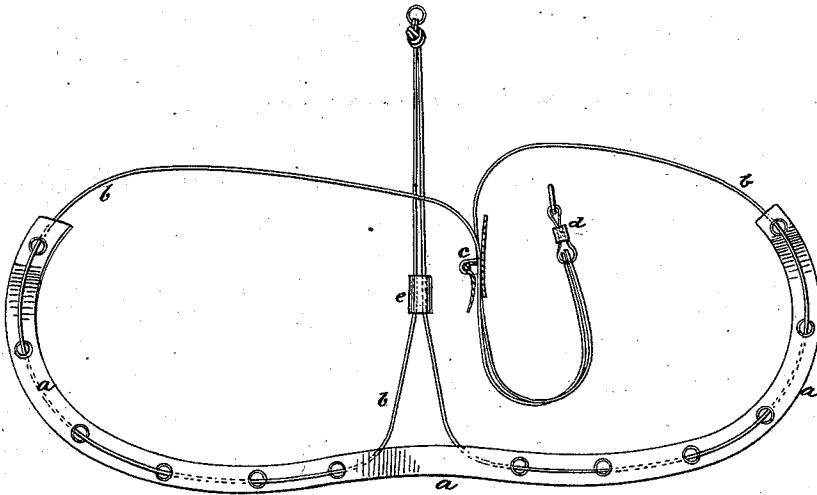
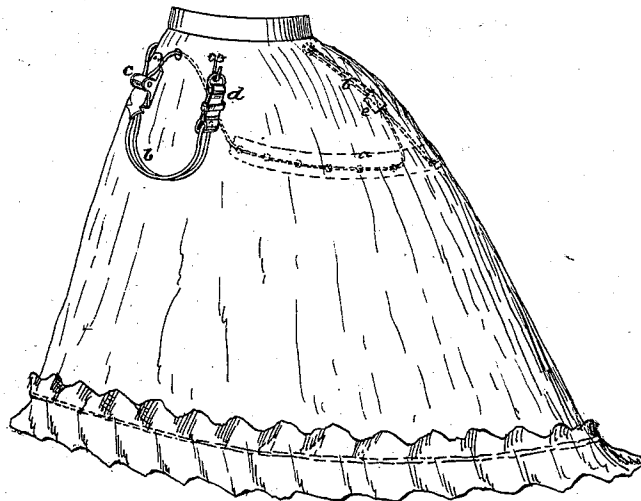


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN DRESS-ELEVATORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARGARET H. BERGEN, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Dress-Elevator, of which the following is a specification:

As fashion now prevails for trained dresses, there is a necessity for an efficient and convenient skirt-elevator, to be attached to every such dress, for the convenience of the lady in case she is overtaken by a storm, or even when the weather is pleasant overhead, but the streets dirty, damp, or muddy. If, on such occasions, one attempt to elevate the dress in her hand, it becomes much wrinkled, besides being a burden.

By the use of the present invention a trained dress can be converted into a walking-costume in less than one minute, and made to hang perfectly smooth, so that it cannot be recognized as a long dress. This allows a twofold use—an evening-toilet and a walking dress.

This invention consist of a tape of proper length, having rings or eyelets attached at proper intervals to receive a cord, the middle of which is attached to the center of the back. The tape is sewed at the proper distance from the bottom, following the curve of the dress. From the center of the tape the ends of the cord pass through the eyelets or rings in op-

posite directions, and are carried up through slits in the dress, as seen in Fig. 2, to the front, where they are passed through a cord-holder, which confines them when they have been drawn to the desired degree of tension for the proper support of the dress. The ends of the cord are then confined in a clasp, which is hooked up at one side of the dress, making a neat and convenient finish.

Figure 1 is a view of the elevator detached. Fig. 2 shows the elevator applied to the dress.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

a is the tape; *b*, the cord. *c* is the cord-holder, and *d* is the clasp. *e* is a metallic slide on the double cord, which slide is self-adjusting, and allows the elevator to be placed as high on the dress as may be desired.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with tape *a*, having rings or eyelets at intervals thereon, the cord *b*, having a clasp, *d*, at one end, the slide *e*, and cord-holder *c*, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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